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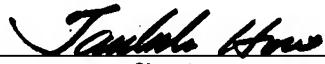
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Our Case No.: 10210/8

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:

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Takashi CHIBA  
Munenori YAMAGUCHI  
Kenji OHTSUKA

Examiner: To Be Assigned

Group Art Unit No.: To Be Assigned

Serial No.: 10/659,419

Filing Date: September 10, 2003

For: ROTARY CUTTING APPARATUS

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Mail Stop: Non-Fee Amendment  
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Dear Sir:

Before the examination of the above-identified application, please enter the following amendment:



TRANSMITTAL LETTER			Case No. 10210/8
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Inventor(s) Toshio MIKIYA, Keisuke SHIMADA, Takashi CHIBA, Munenori YAMAGUCHI, Kenji OHTSUKA			
Title of Invention ROTARY CUTTING APPARATUS			

TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS

Transmitted herewith is 4 Pages of Preliminary Amendment and return postcard.

Small entity status of this application under 37 CFR § 1.27 has been established by verified statement previously submitted.

Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.

Petition for a \_\_\_\_\_ month extension of time.

No additional fee is required.

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					Small Entity		Other Than Small Entity	
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I hereby petition under 37 CFR § 1.136(a) for any extension of time required to ensure that this paper is timely filed. Please charge any associated fees which have not otherwise been paid to Deposit Account No. 23-1925. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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